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We attach a letter pertaining to the Settlement. Sincerely, Johan L Lotter

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I have followed the case against Microsoft for the past three years, watched media coverage from both sides, and I have concluded that Microsoft, in whatever strong-arm tactics they used, should never have been punished like this. This is a slap in the face to one of the most, if not the most, successful companies in history.

In my opinion, the Department of Justice has no right to seek further legal injunctions against Microsoft. The settlement Microsoft has proposed, benefits the competition far more than it should. The best thing for this company, the economy, and the general public is to settle this case, so that Microsoft can get back doing what it does best, fulfilling the computing needs of users. Windows is incredible; there may never be a product quite like it. I can see how the have-nots want to have a big piece of the haves. The settlement certainly gives the have-nots what they want without handing over Microsoft.

I believe that Microsoft is entitled to this settlement in every way. It appears to be reasonable to Microsoft and more than fair to the competition. Approving this settlement can do so much good for the economy, which has been weakened by stresses on our country. I passionately urge you to agree to settle this case.

Sincerely,

Johan Lotter
President

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